Closing of breaches on the banks of the Kulakkada river.

41. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) ; Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the amount that has been actually spent till now (27-11-1106) for closing breaches on the bank of the Kulakkada river to the west of the Cherukole *Nelpura* and constructing a groyne ;

(*b*) whether the above work is completely finished, and, if not, whether provision is made in the next year's Budget for completing the same ; and

(*c*) if the answers to part (*b*) are in the negative, the reasons for the same ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The amount that has been spent till now for closing the breach is Rs. 742. The groyne has not been sanctioned nor taken up.

(*b*) The work of closing the breach has been completed.

(*c*) This does not arise.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With regard to the answer to part (*a*) may I know from the member whether the Government are aware that the provision was made for closing the breach as well as for constructing a groyne in the Budget for the year 1106 ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : To give the member information on that point, I would have to refer to the Budget of 1106. I have not got a copy of the Budget before me. I regret I am not in a position therefore to supply the member with the necessary information. I may at once say that no estimate for constructing a groyne at the locality was ever sanctioned by Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Is the member aware that the amount that was allotted in the Budget for 1106 was more than Rs. 1,000 and that that was for constructing a groyne as well as for closing the breach?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : As I was saying, for answering the question definitely as to the amount that was allotted in the Budget for 1106 for the works, I must refer to the Budget itself, a copy of which is not before me just now. I have also said that no estimate for constructing groyne was sanctioned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know when was the sanction given ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Sanction for what ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : For closing the breach.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Sanction was given on 8-9-1928.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Karrikapalli*) : Is it after that sanction that allotment was made in the Budget for 1106 for the purpose ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The Budget allotment for 1106 was made in 1105. It was certainly after 1928.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : And the Budget made provision for constructing a groyne as well as closing the breach ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I am not sure whether provision was made in the Budget for constructing the groyne.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I submit that the member must be in a position to answer the question, because the Budget must be there.

PRESIDENT : What is your point ?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : My point is that when there was a provision made in the Budget for closing the breach as well as for constructing the groyne they would have sanctioned the construction of the two works.

PRESIDENT : You are not correct in saying that. Mr. Madhavan said that no sanction was given for constructing the groyne.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I asked him when the sanction was given.

PRESIDENT : You said it was with reference to the closing of the breach; Mr. Madhavan plainly said that the other work has not been sanctioned.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know what is said in the sanction ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The sanction was only for closing the breach. The amount of the sanction was Rs. 200.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : And Rs. 742 was spent by Government ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : The sanction for Rs. 200 was given in the year 1928. I may inform the member that subsequent to the date a revised estimate for Rs. 800 was sanctioned for the purpose.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : When was that sanction given ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : That was on 16-10-1930.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know why, then, there is a provision in the Budget for constructing a groyne as well as for closing a breach ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I have stated already that there was no sanction for the construction of the groyne.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know why it is stated in the Budget ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I do not say that there is no provision in the Budget for it. I only said that there was no sanction for the work.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : And unless I am contradicted by some authority the member could not gainsay the fact that there has been a provision in the Budget.

PRESIDENT : I thought Mr. Damodaran Asan, you would have understood the difference between a mere allotment in the Budget and sanction for a work. Sometimes allotments are made in the Budget before sanction is obtained in the expectation of sanction being obtained in the course of the year. It may happen that no sanction is subsequently granted and, in that case, the allotment will be there but will not be used.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : When the allotment was made for the groyne as well, may I know whether it was considered that the groyne is necessary ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : No allotment so far as I can see from the papers before me was made for the construction of a groyne.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Asan, on that point you have asked sufficient questions and they have been answered. You may go on to the other points.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : I am entitled, Sir, to ask supplementary questions.

PRESIDENT : I do not think that they arise as supplementary questions.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : With your permission, Sir, I will explain the position.

PRESIDENT : I think it is not necessary to explain the position when I have told the member that the questions do not arise as supplementary questions.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : With regard to the answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know when the work of closing the breach was completed ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : A revised estimate was sanctioned in 1930. That is all that I can say at present. There is no information available with me just now as to when it was actually completed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : May I know whether the question of giving sanction for constructing a groyne has been taken up ?

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MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, I see that an estimate for a groyne for Rs. 2,550 has also been prepared by the Executive Engineer but subsequently the P. W. D. seem to have thought that they would wait after closing the breach and see whether a groyne is necessary or desirable. The Chief Engineer says that the department would see the effects of floods this year and decide whether the groyne should be constructed.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Has the Executive Engineer suggested that the groyne is necessary for the protection of the bund?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Of course, the Executive Engineer has prepared an estimate for the groyne also. The department decided to see the effects of the monsoon before coming to a conclusion as to whether the groyne should be constructed at all.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that the Chief Engineer wanted to see whether this year's floods will take away the bund and then decide whether the groyne is necessary or not?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That requires no answer from me, Sir.

Registry of lands in Chemmaruthi pakuthi.

42. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether more than one and a half years ago some members of the depressed classes occupied the concessional *puduval* in Varkala, Chemmaruthi pakuthi, after applying for the registry of the same;

(*b*) whether the lands have been registered in their names till now (1-7-1931); and

(*c*) if not, the reasons for the delay in passing orders on the application?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) A co-operative society has to be organised before the lands are assigned to the applicants and the matter is pending action in the Co-operative Department.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know, Sir, when the fact of the occupation of the area was brought to the notice of the Protector of the Depressed Class?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): I have not got that information just now before me.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know why, when it was known that they occupied these lands one and a half years ago, steps were not taken for registering the properties in their name?

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